

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

7. **(Currently Amended)** A process for the production of Factor VIII protein comprising:
- a) preparing a modified Factor VIII cDNA wherein said Factor VIII cDNA is modified by deletion of the B-domain encoded sequence and insertion of the truncated Factor IX intron 1 (SEQ ID NO: 9) in one or more splice sites of the Factor VIII cDNA;
 - b) introducing the modified Factor VIII cDNA into a cell; and
 - c) expressing the modified Factor VIII cDNA in said cell to produce Factor VIII protein.
8. **(Currently Amended)** A process for the production of Factor VIII protein comprising:
- a) preparing a modified Factor VIII cDNA wherein said Factor VIII cDNA is modified by replacement of the B-domain encoded sequence with nucleotides encoding four arginines and insertion of the truncated Factor IX intron 1 (SEQ ID NO: 9) in one or more splice sites of the Factor VIII cDNA;
 - b) introducing the modified Factor VIII cDNA into a cell; and
 - c) expressing the modified Factor VIII cDNA in said cell to produce Factor VIII protein.
9. **(Previously presented)** The process as claimed in claim 7, wherein at least one insertion site of the truncated Factor IX intron 1 is chosen from Factor VIII intron 1 splice site, Factor VIII intron 12 splice site, and Factor VIII intron 13 splice site.

10. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 8, wherein at least one insertion site of the truncated Factor IX intron 1 is chosen from Factor VIII intron 1 splice site, Factor VIII intron 12 splice site, and Factor VIII intron 13 splice site.

11. (Cancelled)

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